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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 11, 2003 in which restriction between the inventions of Group I, II and III was required.

Applicant elects the invention of Group II, Claims 1-5 drawn to an optical element without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims 6-15 and 16-23.

A favorable action is respectfully requested.

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